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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: Tue, 4 May 93 13:21:54 GMT
From: pacbell.com!att-out!walter!porthos!dancer!whs70@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Chicago scanner law
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

This was posted in the alt.radio.scanner newsgroup. Does anyone in
the amateur newsgroups have any details on this proposed ordinance?
Might the ordinance affect the use of any type of mobile
radios by amateurs? If thie "proposed" ordinance only impacts
use of a radio during the commission of a crime, there's probably no
problem, but if it forbids anyone from using radios in certain
legal situations (e.g. mobile use), then it should be opposed
or the language of the ordinance should be changed BEFORE it

becomes law.

The other post follows my sig (please direct all replies to
rec.radio.amateur.policy only).

Standard Disclaimer- Any opinions, etc. are mine and NOT my employer's.

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In article <1993Apr29.173002.10834@tellab5.tellabs.com> jwa@tellabs.com (John W. Albert) writes:

>This morning (4-29-93) on WGN (720 AM in Chicago), the "Bob
>Collins Show" was talking about an ordinance that the Chicago
>City Council is trying to pass.
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>The purpose is to make it illegal for anyone, especially criminals,
>to possess police scanners and to prevent them from monitoring
>the police.
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>Of course we all know that most scanner owners are criminals
>and they should be locked up. And if the law is passed, they
>won't drive to a suburb or even to another state to buy a
>scanner. Also, we all know that this law will stop someone
>from owning a scanner and in order to abide by the laws, most
>criminals will turn them in to the authorities.

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> Tellabs, Inc. FAX (708) 852-7346
> 4951 Indiana Ave. jwa@tellabs.com
> Lisle, IL
> 60532

> Do you have a certain itch that's so private,
> you'll only discuss it with your physician?
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Date: 4 May 1993 09:29:00 -0400
From: usc!howland.reston.ans.net!noc.near.net!jericho.mc.com!
levine@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: CQ ??
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <9305032339.AA06750@ucsd.edu>, SHMC0874@BCIT.BC.CA (Colin Schmutter) writes:

|> As we are all aware the letters CQ define a general broadcast to all
|> stations.

|>

|> Does anyone know why the letters CQ were selected?

Comes literally from "seek you" shortened to CQ. Get it. It's True.
73 Bob KD1GG

Date: Tue, 4 May 1993 15:49:08 GMT

From: news.acns.nwu.edu!casbah.acns.nwu.edu!lapin@network.UCSD.EDU

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Come Quick!

Greg KD9AZ

glapin@nwu.edu

Date: Tue, 4 May 93 16:09:23 GMT

From: news.acns.nwu.edu!zaphod.mps.ohio-state.edu!darwin.sura.net!

howland.reston.ans.net!agate!headwall.Stanford.EDU!nntp.Stanford.EDU!umunhum!

paulf@network.UCSD.EDU

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Literally, "Seek You". Not the only hammish pun, to be sure.

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-=Paul Flaherty, N9FZX | "Just name a hero, and I'll prove he's a bum."
->paulf@Stanford.EDU | -- Col. Gregory "Pappy" Boyington, USMC (ret)

Date: Tue, 04 May 93 06:50:28 GMT
From: usc!zaphod.mps.ohio-state.edu!mstar!n8emr!bulletin@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: DX Bulletin 22 ARLD022
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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| Automatic relayed from packet radio via |
| N8EMR's Ham BBS, 614-895-2553 |
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ZCZC AE48
QST de W1AW
DX Bulletin 22 ARLD022
>From ARRL Headquarters Newington CT
May 3, 1993
Relayed by KB8NW/OBS & BARF-80 BBS
To all radio amateurs

SB DX ARL ARLD022
ARLD022 DX news

OPERATION ACCREDITED FOR DXCC

The following documentation has been received and approved:

ET3YU: Operations beginning 26 February, 1993
9F2CW: Operations beginning 15 December, 1992
ET3RA: Operations beginning 22 November, 1992
ET3JR: Operations beginning 15 October, 1992
ET3DX: Operations beginning 11 April, 1993
5R8DJ: Operations beginning 24 November, 1992
S21ZM: Operations beginning 7 March, 1993
S21ZJ: Operations beginning 6 March, 1993
S21ZH: Operations beginning 6 March, 1993
S21ZG: Operations beginning 6 December, 1992
D2/AA4HU: Operations beginning 26 January, 1993
D2/N6QH0: Operations beginning 26 January, 1993
D2/KC6HUE: Operations beginning 26 January, 1993
D2BG: Operations beginning 17 February, 1993

The DXCC Desk would prefer that cards for the 9F2CW/A operation of
26 January through 4 February, 1993 be held pending the DXAC's

disposition of the petition for new country status for Eritrea.
their action may affect the way this operation is credited.
NNNN

Date: Tue, 04 May 93 07:54:42 GMT
From: psgrain!ee.und.ac.za!hippo!train!aloe.ufh.ac.za!inus@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Experience with Ramsey kits?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Dear Net,

I'm looking for experiences on the Ramsey amplifier kits...
How reliable are they (esp. the PA-10) Can they be easily
converted to other bands (e.g. 10 m)? Are there any other
companies that I should try?

(I'm posting this for a friend --- Callsign: Z251)
Will summarise if appropriate responses received.
Thanks in advance!

Date: 4 May 93 16:14:08 GMT
From: ogicse!uwm.edu!linac!att!cbnewsm!jeffj@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Help! Need good things posted about Amateur Radio!
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

HELP! I NEED GOOD THINGS POSTED ABOUT AMATEUR RADIO FOR A CHANGE!!!!

Now that I have that out of the way. Could my fellow hams please
post some positive things about Amateur Radio? We need lots and lots
of good things about our wonderful hobby posted here to show the world
that we are not just a bunch of negative idiots and in fact, that we
are a fraternity that welcomes new Amateur Radio operators with open
arms! Here are some of my favorite things about Amateur Radio.

When my car broke down, I called on a local repeater, couldn't reach it
so called on another. Someone answered and called my wife for me enabling
her to get me out of the middle of nowhere.
A fellow ham that I met via a local repeater invited me to his shack to
see how to operate satellites. He had never met me in person.
The many friends I have made because of Amateur Radio.
Having great QSOs with total strangers on various bands.
Meeting every night with a group of fellow hams that have become friends
on 40 meters.

The list goes on and on! Please post your positive things about ham radio so people that are thinking about joining our wonderful hobby will see the good side! Thanks and 73!

Jeff

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Jeff Jones AB6MB | OPPOSE THE NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT!
jeffj@seeker.mystic.com | Canada/USA Free Trade cost Canada 400,000 jobs.
Infolinc BBS 415-778-5929 | Want to guess how many we'll lose to Mexico?

Date: Tue, 04 May 1993 14:06:20 GMT
From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!overload.lbl.gov!agate!usenet.ins.cwru.edu!neoucom.edu!
wtm@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Looking for Kenwood TS-440S/AT digital control commands
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Hi,

I recently installed the 8251 UART and 4040 divider chip in a 440 radio. I don't have the TTL to RS-232 level shifter box that includes the documentation of the control codes for the radio. I was planning to make a simple cable with the requisite RS-232 driver parts so that I could interface with my computer.

If anybody knows an ftp site with documentation or has the information, I'd be interested in hearing from you. If there is some interest, I can post the results. The service manual for the 440 does not list the control codes.

Bill

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Date: Tue, 4 May 1993 12:41:39 GMT
From: sdd.hp.com!apollo.hp.com!hpwin052!hpqmoea!dstock@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Need for foul language?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Whenever I do something really stupid, or something major goes wrong

of its own volition I'm often heard to say something moderately foul aimed at no-one in particular other than myself. I learned a long time ago never to swear at others, or to hurl obscene insults and gestures at them, for the simple reason that it doesn't work.

Any torrent of abuse aimed at the sort of microcephalous cretin that would disagree with me is like water off a duck's back.

If you want to insult someone, there is a better way. Learn from the masters of insults. Ambrose Bierce's "Devil's Dictionary" is a thoroughly enjoyable primer, and will prepare you for the likes of Winston Churchill and Oscar Wilde:

???????? : " I passed your house last night, Mr Wilde."

O. Wilde : " Hmmm, thank you. "

and, for a less terse example :

Lady Astor : " You are drunk !"

Churchill : " And you are ugly, madam, but *I* shall be sober in the morning !"

In order to affect the victim, the humour must be novel, witty and genuinely funny. The insulter must not laugh loudly at the victim, this detracts strongly from the effect of the onlookers' smiles.

Be careful how you use these techniques, because, unlike the foulest of obscenities, they can cause real hurt.

Those who rush into the traditional obscenities are easy victims, they clearly display their lack of experience and lack of ability to do any better. Remember that their general attitude makes them very susceptible to these sorts of insults. They probably are prone to high blood pressure and can easily be pushed into some dangerous medical condition !

Have Fun!

David GM4ZNX

Date: Tue, 4 May 1993 14:56:02 GMT
From: mvb.saic.com!unogate!news.service.uci.edu!usc!cs.utexas.edu!uwm.edu!linac!
att!cbnewse!parnass@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Scanner Interference
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

jdelancy@tecnet1.jcte.jcs.mil said:

> Has anyone else come across a problem scanner that emits a
> signal strong enough to key your local repeater? We have one
> someplace in the neighbor hood that when it scans across 155.610, it
> emits a signal on 144.7859 that keys on the input of the 144.79/145.39
> repeater. What corrective actions did you take?

I can usually tell what frequencies my neighbors are scanning
because I can hear the local oscillators of their scanners
and add/subtract the IF.

I've monitored strong local oscillator emissions from the
Electra/Bearcat III and Bearcat 260 scanners. In those
instances, they did not interfere much with my activities
and no action was required.

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Date: 4 May 1993 09:25:20 -0400
From: usc!howland.reston.ans.net!noc.near.net!jericho.mc.com!
levine@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: UPS Problems
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <1993May3.200115.8630@news.acns.nwu.edu>, lapin@casbah.acns.nwu.edu
(Gregory Lapin) writes:

|> In article <C6GFuA.94w@amdc12> brian@amdc12.amd.com (Brian McMinn, N5PSS)
writes:

|> >Pete Rossi writes:

|> >> UPS does not seem to follow

|> >> delivery instructions very well. I had something sent to me COD once and

|> >> when I got home from work there was the package sitting on my doorstep.

|> >>

|> >> THE UPS GUY JUST LEFT IT THERE!! Without collecting anything!!

|> >

|> >I, too, have had problems with UPS -- the last incident was with an

|> >insured package the was clearly marked (with a UPS sticker) "adult

|> >signature required." It was left on my front doorstep and was visible
|> >from the street. I was glad it was insured.
|> >
|> >In the long run, we can't tell UPS how to run their business -- it
|> >might be cheaper for them to spend 30 seconds less per delivery and
|> >pay \$1000 every once in a while for a lost package.
|> >
|> >[Note the followup line -- let's try to keep this out of "swap"
|> >space.]
|> >
|> > Brian McMinn N5PSS brian.mcminn@amd.com
|> >
|> I'm sure that such UPS screwups are only temporary. As soon as they learn
|> how to use **OUR** 220-222 MHz frequencies, they should be much better at
|> their deliveries :)
|> >
|> Greg KD9AZ
|> glapin@nwu.edu
Oh well, I guess they will stay screwed up....
They have decided *not* to use 220mhz after all. :(
They will use cellular technology and the FCC is going to raffle off
that 220 spectrum.
Bob KD1GG
levine@mc.com

Date: Tue, 4 May 1993 10:57:58 GMT
From: sdd.hp.com!apollo.hp.com!hpwin052!hpqmoea!dstock@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Zed in callsign:what is it, where come from?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

It IS the letter "Z"

Z is spoken as "Zee" in the US

Z is spoken as "Zed" in most of the rest of the English speaking
world.

It's one of those regional differences that makes the world an
interesting place.

Zed works better than Zee on the air because it is more clearly
different to (US English usage would have been " different from")
B C D E G P T V.

Cheers,

David Gee Emm Four Zed Enn Ecks.

Date: 4 May 93 13:33:19 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
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To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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> wondering why, and where it came from, if anyone knows. Oh, and it's not just
> another replacement for "zulu", it's instead of the letter Z. Thanks for
> everyone's help.

Z is hard to distinguish from B,C,D,E,G,P,T,& V when just spoken without any
phonetic. But saying "zulu" in place of Z each time is rather lengthy. So many
hams just use the French for the letter Z, which is zed. A lot of people who
have spent time in Europe also do an analagous thing when writing Z, by
putting a horizontal line through the letter to distinguish it from a 2.

steve - W3GRG
mosier@iris.uncg.edu dit dit

Date: Tue, 4 May 93 13:41:20 GMT
From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!overload.lbl.gov!agate!doc.ic.ac.uk!uknet!uos-ee!
ee.surrey.ac.uk!M.Willis@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Zed in callsign:what is it, where come from?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I am afraid the correct way to pronounce Z in English is zed. In the USA, English
is
not the native language, although American-English is very close and could be
called a dialect.

The American Zee is local to the USA like the spelling of colour.

So if you take an example the USA EZ-whatever, e.g. EZ-Match, EZ-Edit the name
means nothing to the rest of world where English is spoken. I remember seeing an
old kenwood EZ-Match and wondering why it was called that. Then an American
pronounced it as ee-zee for easy.

On a different point I notice that many products are now being sold in the UK with labels with incorrect spelling (for our language). Now USA imports I can understand, but when it is made in the UK! Even metre gets spelt wrongly! As in two metres, on 14 MHz CW one guy told me he had two meters, presumably one for forward power and one for SWR?

Mike

Date: Tue, 4 May 93 16:06:18 GMT
From: news.acns.nwu.edu!zaphod.mps.ohio-state.edu!darwin.sura.net!
howland.reston.ans.net!agate!headwall.Stanford.EDU!nntp.Stanford.EDU!umunhum!
paulf@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Zed in callsign: what is it, where come from?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <easu348.736460736@orion.oac.uci.edu> easu348@orion.oac.uci.edu (Andrew Schwartz Parker) writes:

> Here in California (hopefully elsewhere) HAMS with a "Z" in their
> callsign sometimes say the (word?) "zed" instead of just plain "Z". I'm
> wondering why, and where it came from, if anyone knows. Oh, and it's not just
> another replacement for "zulu", it's instead of the letter Z. Thanks for
> everyone's help.

Yes, this is common practice worldwide. Most likely, the practice originated in the UK or Commonwealth, and migrated here. It's done because "Zee" sounds a lot like "Cee", something that I can attest to personally.

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->paulf@Stanford.EDU | -- Col. Gregory "Pappy" Boyington, USMC (ret)

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From: mvb.saic.com!unogate!news.service.uci.edu!usc!sol.ctr.columbia.edu!
howland.reston.ans.net!gatech!kd4nc!ke4zv!gary@network.UCSD.EDU
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>another replacement for "zulu", it's instead of the letter Z. Thanks for
>everyone's help.

>Andrew

I use this pronunciation routinely. Americans normally pronounce the letter Z as 'zee', but this is easily confused with 'cee' (C) or 'bee' (B). Using the british 'zed' pronunciation for Z is much less prone to error. Having both a 'zed' and a 'vic' in my call, I'm rather sensitive to this problem.

Gary

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Gary Coffman KE4ZV		You make it,		gatech!wa4mei!ke4zv!gary
Destructive Testing Systems		we break it.		uunet!rsiatl!ke4zv!gary
534 Shannon Way		Guaranteed!		emory!kd4nc!ke4zv!gary
Lawrenceville, GA 30244				

Date: Tue, 4 May 1993 13:40:40 GMT

From: usc!howland.reston.ans.net!newsserver.jvnc.net!darwin.sura.net!

rsg1.er.usgs.gov!resdgs1.er.usgs.gov!tbodoh@network.UCSD.EDU

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <C6Fp4o.F2L@news.Hawaii.Edu>, <718@zds-ux.UUCP>,

<1993May04.020103.22057@anomaly.sbs.com>t

Subject : Re: no-code defense

In article <1993May04.020103.22057@anomaly.sbs.com>, kd1hz@anomaly.sbs.com (Rev. Michael P. Deignan) writes:

|> bjstaff@zds-ux.UUCP (Brad Staff) writes:

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|> > I'm NH6IL and I'm against the no-code license.

|> >I'm AA8IF and I'm in favor of the no-code license.

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|> I'm KD1HZ and I think no-codes are scumbags.

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|> MD

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I'm going to be a no-code Technician in about three weeks. Would you prefer

that all classes require code? And then the brotherhood/sisterhood of ham radio operators resume it's slide into obscurity? And then the unused frequencies are slowly reallocated to other services? Don't flame me, this is exactly where ham radio WAS going before no-code.

Be careful who you call a scumbag. I am not just some ex-CBer - I've been involved in radio for 25+ years as a shortwave and scanner hobbyist. I'm also a Software Engineer. The future of ham radio must embrace computers in order to survive - or would you rather we go back to vacuum tubes? I may learn code eventually, but I think it should not be required until advanced and extra classes - and then only about 13 WPM - BUT that's my opinion and I won't call you a SCUMBAG for disagreeing. Although I suppose neanderthal may be closer ;)

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+ Tom Bodoh - Sr. systems software engineer
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+ USGS/EROS Data Center, Sioux Falls, SD, USA 57198      (605) 594-6830      +
+ Internet; bodoh@dgg.cr.usgs.gov (152.61.192.66)
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+ "Welcome back my friends to the show that never ends!" EL&P
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Date: 4 May 93 15:04:08 GMT
From: furuta@MIMSY.CS.UMD.EDU
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <C6Fp4o.F2L@news.Hawaii.Edu>,
<930503.162837.6v1.rusnews.w165w@garlic.sbs.com>,
<POPOVICH.93May3235642@prince.cs.columbia.edu>1
Subject : Re: no-code defense

In article <POPOVICH.93May3235642@prince.cs.columbia.edu> popovich@cs.columbia.edu (Steve Popovich) writes:

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>>> I'm NH6IL and I'm against the no-code license.
>>
>> I'm KD1NR and I'm against the no-code license.
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>I'm WB3I and I think this thread is silly.
>But I'm still for the no-code license.
> -Steve
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I'm N3JGF/AA and I think a bunch of things: (0) WB3I's right about the silliness of this thread; (1) if it's really necessary this kind of a poll would better be taken via email and the results reported back to the net;

(1.5) having said that I'll violate my own rule and say that I support the no-code license so that you can all peg me; (2) those who claim that Usenet requires/encourages/permits/prohibits foul language don't understand the inherently distributed character of Usenet. Each different newsgroup has its own character because the readers attracted to each group have a particular character. In the past I enjoyed the relatively respectful nature of ham to ham communications in this and related newsgroups and found a certain charm in the CW abbreviations that pepper the messages; (3) there must be something truly wierd going on in Rhode Island to make our correspondents from there be so vocally antagonistic against Technicians. Or maybe it's a particular club in Rhode Island.

--Rick
N3JGF

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